

who were hungry took this fish and came back and got more, took this bread and got more, and not only was everybody fed, Senator Hillman, there were baskets of additional food taken up and it was given to the poor. I wish there was some way I could believe all of the things they say about Jesus, like these people who call themselves Christians say they believe. If I, who have nothing, can have a bit of understanding, what is belief in Jesus supposed to give to those who say they really believe there was a person who actually did what I'm talking about? I like that story, but here's the most I can say about it. He fed 5,000 but they must have been ants,...

SPEAKER BAACK: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...because you can feed 5,000 ants with that little bit of food. But for those who really believe, they believe that that book was talking about people, just like the kind of people who are sitting in this room, people like you and like me. And if, from the abundance of the state, we cannot find it in our hearts to give these few little mites to help these people trying to maybe hold onto a shred of dignity, I'm not going to parse a word here and there, I'm not going to split a hair between the north and the northwest side and say, well, maybe somebody's got a son who if he would stop working that job 15 minutes earlier, he could go take some old person to one of these facilities. That's not the way I operate. So maybe it's good for the poor and those without a voice that I don't believe in anything, like these other people who are, to me, so hard-hearted, cruel, unfeeling. I would rather be me.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Chambers. Anyone else wishing to discuss the Beutler amendment? Seeing no one, Senator Beutler, would you like to...oh, Senator Robinson, excuse me.

SENATOR ROBINSON: Mr. Speaker, members of the body, I have been thoroughly chastised. I don't think Senator Chambers really knows...knows me. I think I'm as empathetic as Senator Chambers but maybe we ought to have a little foresight too. We ought to really take a good look at what's happening to us. I'm concerned about my children. I'm concerned about my grandchildren. I'm concerned what's going to happen to this state. I'm concerned, very concerned what's going to happen to this nation. And that has nothing to do with my empathy, because I think I'm as empathetic as Senator Chambers. I'm not